MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not collected all the information as to how many recruitments took place after 1101.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): In view of my answer to part (*a*), may I know from the Government whether they propose to appoint in the future at least a non-Brahmin Hindu Tamilian as Judge?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member wants the Government to state what course of action they would adopt. I cannot at present say anything definite; but still I will say that the question will be considered.

Concession in the matter of tax in Nanjinad.

17. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation from Nanjinad that *Thoram* fields, tank-bed and *Puduval* conversions be given the same concession in the matter of tax as those of *Ayacut* lands; and

(*b*) if so, whether they took any action on such representation; if so what it is.

DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is being enquired into.

The appointment of Trade Agents.

18. **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any idea of appointing trade agents from Travancore in any of the European countries, or America or Japan;

(*b*) what has become of the budget allotment for 1107 M. E. with regard to the appointment of trade agents in London; and

(*c*) whether Government intend appointing chief agents and assistants to the chief agents, in order to render proper advice to the chief agents about the local conditions of agricultural and industrial products?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Not at present.

(*b*) No provision was made in the budget for 1107 for this purpose, but a sum of Rs. 30,000 was provided in the budget of 1108 for the appointment of a Trade Agent in London temporarily for one year. This provision was not used.

(*c*) Government are considering the feasibility of appointing agents in some of the important trade centres in India. Provision has been made in the Budget for 1109.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why the allotment of Rs. 30,000 was not utilised for appointing a Trade Agent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): On consideration, it was found better to appoint the agents in India first.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the interest of commerce and ndustry in the State, is it not profitable that trade agents are appointed in England, America and Japan instead of in India?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion. Government considered it better to start the idea in India.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What was the idea of Government when it was decided to appoint a trade agent in London last year by allotting Rs. 30,000?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It was first considered possible to appoint an agent in London. Subsequently it was thought better to have agents in India and to postpone the idea of having an agent in London.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is there any idea of appointing trade agents in European countries at any time?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have already stated "not at present".

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know in what part of British India trade agents are sought to be appointed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have not yet decided. In some of the important centres like Bombay and Karachi, trade agents may be appointed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is not the sum of Rs. 15,000 too poor for the purpose?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Rs. 15,000 is the amount that has been provided in the present budget.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): What is the extent of our export trade with England, America and Japan?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not ready with the figures. The figures are given in the Statistical Volume.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): May I know from the member to which country the greater portion of Travancore's raw products is exported?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is probably to British India.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): I am not asking the probability. My question is whether the Government are not in a position to say definitely to which part of the world the larger portion of Travancore raw products is sent.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is sent to British India.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Travancod*): Will the member be pleased to state whether the bulk of the trade is with British India?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that it is with British India.

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MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ലണ്ടനിൽ ഒരു ടെയിഡ്ഏ ജൻറിനെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്നുവിചാരിച്ചു് കഴിഞ്ഞയാണ്ടത്തെ ബഡ്ജ റിൽ ഏതാണ്ടം സംഖ്യ കൊള്ളിച്ചപ്പോൾ ഇൻഡ്യയിൽ ഒരു ടെയി ഡ്ഏജൻറിനെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ലേ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : ആദ്യമായിട്ടു് ലണ്ടനിൽ നിയമിക്കണം എന്നാണു് വിചാരിച്ചതു്. ഇപ്പോഴാണു് ഇൻ ഡ്യയിൽതന്നെ നിയമിച്ചുകളയാം എന്നു നിശ്ചയിച്ചതു്.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ഇങ്ങനെ ഇൻഡ്യയിൽ ഒരു ടെയിഡ് ഏജൻറിനെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതാണു് നല്ലതു് എന്നു് ഗവണ്മെ ൻറിനു തോന്നുവാനുള്ള കാരണം എന്താണു്?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : അതു് നല്ല താണെന്നുള്ള കാരണംതന്നെയാണു്.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : ലണ്ടനിൽ ഒരു ടെയിഡ് ഏജൻറിനെ നിയമിക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചപ്പോൾ വല്ല പ്രത്യേക ആളിനേയും അതിലേക്കു ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിരുന്നോ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : അതിനേപ്പ റ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Are we to understand that funds are allotted in the budget for each item without being considered adequately by Government?

PRESIDENT : That is not relevant.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know the scope and extent of the functions of the proposed Trade Agents?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They have to popularise our products in other parts of India and to find whether we could get markets for our exports.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member—

PRESIDENT : I think you have already asked your questions.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is it for propaganda work that these trade agents are appointed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It is for that mainly.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know in which parts of India the Government propose to appoint trade agents?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I have already stated that Government have not decided it, but the more important trade centres will be selected.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has it been finally settled that trade agents should first be appointed in India?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Supply of Electric Power in Trivandrum.

19. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the items that constitute the working charges for the supply of electric power in Trivandrum;

(*b*) the actual cost per unit of power and the cost at which it is supplied to the public;

(*c*) whether interest on investment also is charged on the public and if so, the rate of interest; and

(*d*) the net profit that Government make out of the supply of electric power to the public?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The items that constitute working charges for the supply of electric energy in town are;

(*A*) *Generation.*

1. Fuel oil.
2. Lubricating oil.
3. Salaries of Power House and Meter Test Staff.
4. Wages.
5. Repairs and maintenance of Power House and Office Building.
6. Repairs and maintenance of Engine and Plant.
7. Special item (*a*) Telephone charges (*b*) Miscellaneous.

(*B*) *Distribution.*

1. Salaries of Mains Superintendent and staff.
2. Wages.
3. Repairs and maintenance, and renewal of mains, painting posts, cutting over-hanging trees, etc.
4. Repairs and maintenance of Transformers and Sub-Station gear.
5. Repairs, maintenance and renewal of meters, switches, cut-outs, and other apparatus on consumers' premises.
6. Repairs of Street Lighting system.
7. Renewal of Street Lighting lamps.
8. Repairs and maintenance of motor lorry.
9. Repairs and maintenance of Tools and Plant.
10. Repairs and maintenance of Sub-Station buildings.
11. Telephone charges.

(*C*) *Administration.*

1. Proportionate pay and allowance of Electrical Engineer and staff.
2. Contingencies.
3. Stationery and Printing.

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